

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of: Swartz et al.
Serial No. To be assigned
Filed: Herewith
For: System and Method for Iconic Software
Environment Management
Group Art Unit: To be assigned
Examiner: To be assigned
Our Docket: 1651-0001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Specification at page 1 as follows:

Before "Background and Summary of the Invention", please add the following new paragraph:

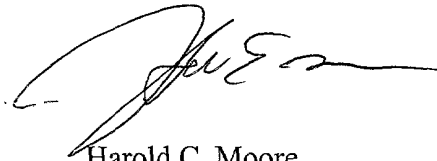
This is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/097,283,
filed June 12, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-41, without prejudice.

It is respectfully submitted that no fees are due in connection with this amendment. However, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 13-0014.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. C. Moore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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